

**Daniel D. Tompkins, Governor of the State of New-York, General and
Commander in Chief of all the Militia, and Admiral of the Navy of the same.**

To

David Erwin, William Fay & John Houghton Esquires, Greeting.

Whereas special Trust and Confidence in your Conduct, Patriotism and Valor, I do by these ~~Exempts~~, pursuant to the 35th Section of an Act of the Legislature of the State of New-York, entitled "*An Act to organize the Militia of this State*," passed March 29th, 1809, commission by Brevet, and assign you the said ~~David Erwin~~ to be Captain, and you the said ~~William Fay~~ to be Lieutenant, and you the said ~~John Houghton~~ to be Captain of an Association of ~~Exempts~~ in the Town of ~~Conestoga~~ & ~~Coast of Franklin~~ which, by ~~General Orders~~ of this date, has been duly organized into a Company of ~~Infantry~~. You are therefore, pursuant to the trust reposed in you, to take the said Company of Exempts into your charge and care, the members of which said Company are hereby commanded to recognize, respect and obey you as their Captain, Lieutenant and ~~Ensign~~ accordingly. You are also to observe and follow such instructions as you may from time to time receive from the ~~Commissioner in Chief of the Militia of the State of New-York~~ for the time being, according to the before mentioned Act to organize the Militia, and the Rules and Discipline of War.

It ~~testifies~~ ~~whereof~~, I have caused the Seal for Military Commissions to be hereunto affixed, at the City of ~~Albany~~, the ~~first~~ day of ~~October~~ in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and ~~Twelve~~, and in the Thirty-Seventh year of the Independence of the United States.

By order of his Excellency the Governor,

William Erwin
Private Secretary.

Daniel D. Tompkins